

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

Furthermore, in the known Westco pump, the directions of flow of the fuel from the pump channels 151 and 171 are changed at substantially right angles toward the discharge ports 153 and 173, respectively. Therefore, the fuel collides with corner portions ~~[[161a]]~~ 151a and 171a (see FIG. 24) at the terminal ends of the pump channels 151 and 171. Pump noises also may be increased due to impacts caused by this collision. Therefore, it has been desired to reduce pump noises that may be caused by the pulsations and the impacts of the fluid.

Please amend paragraph [0011] as follows:

According to another aspect of the present teachings, the impact reducing device serves to shift a phase of the pulsation of the fluid discharged from the first discharge port from a phase of the pulsation of the flow of the fluid discharged from the second discharge port, so that the pulsations may ~~[[be cancelled]]~~ cancel each other. In case that the cyclic period of the pulsation of the fluid discharge

from the first discharge port is the same as the cyclic period of the pulsation of the fluid discharged from the second discharge port, the shift of phase may be set to be half the cyclic period of the pulsation.

Please amend paragraph [0055] as follows:

Further, as shown in FIG. 11, a corner of the first partition wall 5a opposing to the terminal end of the first pump channel 51 on the side of the first discharge port 53 may be chamfered to define an inclined surface 155. Similarly, a corner of the second partition wall 7a opposing to the terminal end of the second pump channel 71 on the side of the second discharge port 73 may be chamfered to define an inclined surface 175. The inclined surfaces 155 and 175 may be symmetrical with each other with respect to the impeller 10. Therefore, at the terminal end of the first pump channel 51 on the side of the first discharge port 53, the inclined surface 155 may define a region, where a depth 51d of the first flow channel 51 opposing to the second side grooves 12 of the impeller 10 gradually decreases in the rotational direction of the impeller 10. Similarly, at the terminal end of the second pump channel 71 on the side of the second discharge port 73, the inclined surface 175 may define a

region, where a depth 71d of the second flow channel 71 opposing to the first side grooves 12 of the impeller 10 gradually decreases in the rotational direction of the impeller 10. As the directions of flows of the fluid are changed from the first and second pump channels 51 and 71 toward the first and second discharge ports 155 and 175, respectively, the fuel may collide with the partition walls 5a and 7a to apply impacts thereon. However, because of gradual decrease in depth at the inclined surfaces 155, 175, the impacts of the fuel on the partition walls 5a and 7a may be reduced. Thus, the inclined surfaces 155 and 175 may serve as an impact reducing device.